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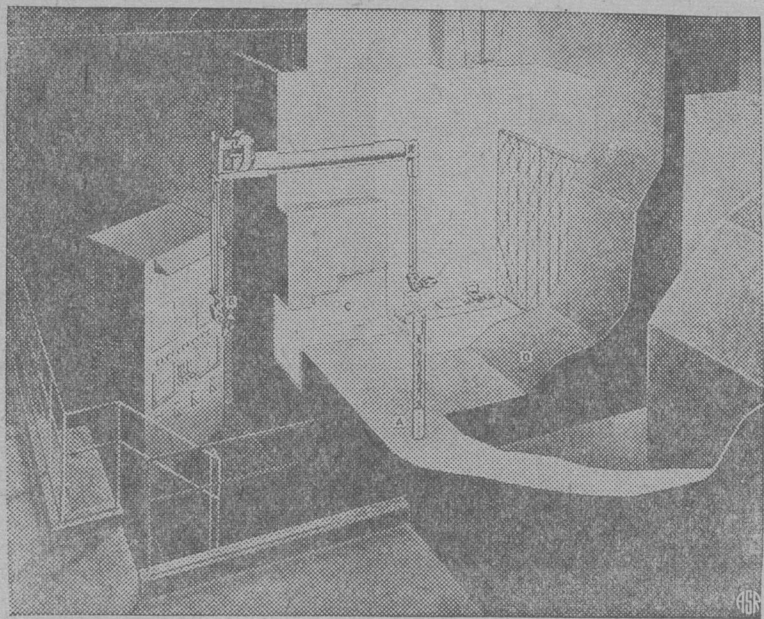
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'Atom' Goes To Work For Oil-Users



Linden, N. J.—A small building rising on the Esso Research Center grounds here will seem insignificant, physically, to the large structures surrounding it. It will be only 42-by-46 feet when completed. As small as it is in size, however, this building may be of great importance to millions of oil-using motorists, home owners and farmers.

Inside its walls, scientists will strive to learn how atomic energy can help make newer and better gasolines, motor and heating oils, lubricants and numerous petrochemicals.

The undertaking represents the most intensive research effort of its type in the vast oil industry throughout the world. And it is strictly a private industry affair. It is not connected with the U. S. Government and the Atomic Energy Commission, although the action is in line with President Eisenhower's pleas for greater application of atomic energy to peacetime purposes.

The building will be known as a radiation laboratory. Its heart and main feature is a material looking like an ordinary piece of pipe a foot long. This "pipe," however, will be the most radioactive single piece of cobalt known. Even so, the pipe does not cause other things to become radioactive. But it does give off rays—gamma rays—which can bring about chemical changes in oil. So, by exposing oil samples to these rays—with the use of massive mechanical hands—Esso is going to find out just what does happen. In that way, oil and the atom are going to work together for the benefit of the industry and the consuming public.

The sketch above shows the so-called cave section of the building where the cobalt pipe will be used, and its storage well ("A"). At ("B") is one of the two arms of the mechanical hands. From that area, scientists will operate the hands, looking through a special lead-glass window ("C"). The concrete walls, such as at ("D"), are over four feet thick.

Pogorelskin Girls Take Essay Prizes

The petite red-headed and blonde Pogorelskin sisters, Alexis and Ann were second and third prize winners in the recent Cleanup Committee essay contest. Alexis Pogorelskin, who copped the \$15 second prize, is in Mrs. Cox's fifth grade class at the Center School. She wrote on the subject, WHAT I HAVE DONE DURING THE SUMMER TO HELP KEEP GREENBELT CLEAN as follows:

"When the clean-up campaign started, I made the following plan: 1. To put trash in proper place, and remind others to do so. 2. To pick up trash and papers when I saw them on the street, in the parks, and at Center. 3. To have several big clean-up jobs.

I worked hard at the first two plans and now I have the habit of using the trash cans.

Organized Club

My big projects were fun. I raked the parks near our house and pulled out weeds before their seeds fell, I mentioned the clean-up campaign to my friends. Some of us had a little club whose purpose is: Keep Greenbelt Clean. I rode around on my bike with a bag for trash. I took my little sister and brother to the Center to gather papers.

Several times I cleaned newspapers out of the underpass, then I wrote to the Washington papers about the problem: When my letter was published, people wrote, thanking me for calling the campaign to public attention. Mother and I taked to the newsboys and invited them to use our trash can.

I hope everyone will remember to Keep Greenbelt Clean!"

Junior High P.T.A. To Meet Wednesday

The Greenbelt Junior High PTA will play host to the North End and Center School PTA's Wednesday, January 12, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the high school. Guest speaker will be George A. Robinson who will talk on "Career Incentives for Public School Teachers."

Woman's Club To Meet Thursday, January 13

The Greenbelt Woman's Club will meet Thursday, January 13, at 8 p.m. in the social hall of the Community Church. Chaplain Robert Nace will address the meeting on the subject of "Mental Health."

GREENBELT BIRTHS

Girls gained a slight lead in the population of Greenbelt between December 16 and December 19 when three girls and two boys were born to local families.

On the 16th a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Zust of 2-G Garden way and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Marcus of 8-G Research road. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baxter of 34-E Crescent had a girl on the 17th, and a girl was Mackin of 38-D Crescent on the 19th. Also on that date Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer of 16-F Crescent had a girl.

Great Books Topic To Be Aristophanes

The Great Books group will meet Thursday, January 13, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Professor and Mrs. John Schmidt, 2-D Gardenway. Three plays by Aristophanes will be the topic for discussion. New members are invited.

Your Income Tax

By E. DonBullian

This, the third in a series of income tax articles on changes to the Internal Revenue Code, pertains to the medical, drugs and non-reimbursed personal expenses.

Medical, Drugs, and Medicines Deductions

The medical deduction which has been subject to considerable revision should be gone over very thoroughly as you will not need as much medical expenses this year as you did in former years to get a medical deduction. Only the medical expenses in excess of 3 percent of your income may be claimed as a deduction. Medical expenses will not include the cost of drugs and medicines, these items will be considered separately. Tooth paste, hair tonics etc. of a personal nature are excluded and only the amount in excess of 1 percent of your income will be taken as a drugs and medicines deduction. A further limitation has been added to the medical deduction. If your doctor tells you to take a trip for your health you can deduct the price of the ticket as a travel deduction. No other deductions, such as food and lodging will be allowed except those directly applicable to medicinal deductions or drugs and medicines, while you are on your trip for your health. Medical expenses incurred during an illness which resulted in the death of the taxpayer can now be included in the final return of the dead person. The maximum medical deduction allowable for each person has been increased to \$2500 with the maximum allowable per family has gone up to \$10,000.

Non-Reimbursed Expenses

Expenses which you have incurred while on the job and which the firm has not reimbursed you such as transportation (carfare, auto expense, etc.), entertainment or other misc. business expenses can be deducted from gross income instead of itemizing as a personal deduction. (This does not include commuting or going to and from work from your residence). The new law makes it easier for a salesman to get credit for his business expense (even if he is not away from home overnight) and thus reduce his taxable income and still allow him to take the 10 percent standard deduction. If you are going to itemize it will be better for you to subtract these non-reimbursed expenses from your gross income as your adjusted gross income is used in determining the amount of your medical and drugs and medicine expenses you may claim as a personal deduction. For example: Assume an income of \$4,000, non-reimbursed expenses of \$400, medical expenses of \$300 and medicines and drugs of \$75. If you included your non-reimbursed expenses in your listing of personal deduction your deductible medical and medicines and drugs deduction would amount of \$225, computed as follows: 300 - (4000 x .03) and 75 - (4000 x .01) — 215.00. If however, you subtracted the non-reimbursed \$400 from the gross income of \$4000 your medical and drugs and medicines deduction would be \$231. Computed as follows: 300 - (4000 - 400 x .03) and 75 - (4000 - 400 x .01) — \$231. Thus you increase your medical and drugs and medicines deductions by \$16, thereby reducing your taxable income by \$16 an actual saving of \$3.20 at a rate of 20 percent, simply by taking a tax deduction in the right place.

(Questions of a general nature will be answered by calling GRanite 4-8746.)

Councilman Smith Blasts Litter Situation; Schedules "Trash Tour"

By I. J. Parker

A small bombshell was exploded at the city council meeting last Monday night as newly-elected councilman James Smith blasted the city administration and the council for their failure to clean up the city. Smith told the group to get off their trash-cans and make a vigorous effort to put the Greenbelt Clean-up Committee's five-point program into effect, (Smith is chairman of that committee, which comprises members from leading civic organizations.)

Shamed

Smith's remarks were prompted by a visit he made, at the request of a local clergyman, to one of the community's underpasses. What he saw angered and shamed him, Smith declared. The underpass,

near the local filling station, was a "complete mess" of discarded tires, oil cans and debris.

"In order to serve the people, I must speak out," Smith asserted. "My eyes are now open." He castigated city officials for placing "their own time over the city's time" and "if time won't permit cleaning up the city, then so state it!" Smith said, adding, "The time has come to end the casual talks with organization heads to accomplish his clean-up," Smith stated.

Smith recommended that a letter to Greenbelt Consumer Service be drafted by city manager Charles McDonald and signed by Mayor James Wolfe, asking the co-operative to cooperate in cleaning the filling station area and keeping it neat. "Word it so that it requires a written reply," Smith asked.

Smith backed up his sincerity by inviting the council to take a tour of the city, with transportation provided by Smith to see the littered areas of the community, much of which Smith admits is on property owned by GVHC. The city center, the underpasses, the road-sides and the woods bordering homes were cited as eye-sores by Smith. Also invited for the "trash-tour," (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 15), are the city-manager, police chief, public works head, city clerk (to take notes), the press, James Campbell and James Kane of GVHC.

Buddy Attick, newly appointed superintendent of public works, was highly praised by Smith, as a man of integrity who will do a good job.

McDonald Answers

In answer to several of the points raised by Smith, McDonald disclosed that a committee of "inspectors" as requested in one phase of the Clean-up Committee's report did not succeed because of the reluctance of citizens to "snoop" on neighbors. Regarding another point, McDonald stated that the Center is broom-cleaned each morning, but that the underpass is not cleaned as frequently. Much of the trash in the community is on privately-owned property, McDonald declared—"and you can't expect the city to go in there to clean it up."

McDonald reminded citizens and the council that trash is to be placed in suitable containers for the pick-up men, and not thrown loosely on the road-side or outside hedges. The wind and children usually scatter trash that is placed illegally on roadsides, McDonald continued.

The "pick-up-stick" man performed his duties adequately during the summer and exceeded the budget allotted to his job, McDonald said. "But my experience with 'stick-men' shows that bottles and cans never go into his bag—just paper," he added.

The council, McDonald, and Smith finally agreed that the clean-up of Greenbelt is a continuing job that needs constant attention. Although Smith agreed, he reminded the council that they will have to "sweat the problem out" and "live with it" while Smith is on the council.

City Workers, Manager Voted Pay Increase

A five percent pay increase for municipal employees was approved by the city council last Monday night. The increase, included in this year's budget, goes to full-time employees, and carries a minimum of \$200 for personnel employed before January 1, 1953. Also approved was a similar pay increase for the city manager. The entire increase for city employees amounts to approximately \$7100.

In another action, approval was granted city manager Charles McDonald to expend funds to help the local volunteer fire department gain admission to the Prince Georges County Volunteer Firemen's Association, pay for fireman insurance and incorporation fees. Joe Lewis, of the fire department, spoke for that group at the meeting.

Payment for seven days leave, which could not be carried into the following year, was granted by the council to Elliot Sines, recently resigned director of public works. The sum amounted to approximately \$115, McDonald disclosed. Sines had accumulated 37 days leave at the time of his resignation, and only 30 days are permitted to be carried into the following year.

A letter from Fred Tuemmler and Associates, city planners, requested council approval of a move by clients of Tuemmler to request the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to include a portion of Greenbelt property into WSSC jurisdiction. The area is now owned by Tuemmler's clients. McDonald displayed a small map, and declared that the area does not drain into Greenbelt's sewage system, and it requires pumping the sewage into the local disposal plant and sending it back to the area, an expensive operation. Although he approved of the move, McDonald agreed with the council that more study is needed before compliance.

Council To Organize Library Committee

A "library committee" of interested citizens will be organized by the city council at its next meeting, it was decided last Monday night. The suggestion for such a committee, originally made by former Mayor Frank Lastner, was endorsed by a letter to the council signed by six local residents.

The committee will appraise the transition of the library to the county system and the service provided and report their findings to the council. Councilman Ben Goldfaden called for a "standing committee" on the library to meet on occasion and discuss the library operation and make recommendations.



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Health To All

When Carol, Edna, and Hazel were invading the East Coast last fall, scientists were able to plot their behavior and warn the public to take precautions against the hurricanes. With equal care, scientists have been watching the advance of another threat to our safety: Type A influenza.

Beginning with an outbreak in Australia last summer, Type A has followed a pattern which could bring it to the United States this winter. It may not appear at all, but doctors are on the alert.

We need not fear a disastrous epidemic such as struck this country in 1918. Many of the deaths then were the result of pneumonia or meningitis that developed following the "flu." New antibiotics and other drugs will cut down these secondary infections. Prompt treatment and careful nursing through convalescence will also help prevent complications.

If influenza does strike in your community, avoid crowds. The "flu" virus is spread by direct contact, but it can be carried and passed on by people who are not sick themselves. Watch for symptoms. If any member of the family complains of sore throat, cough, headache, fever, or nausea, put him to bed at once. Influenza moves fast to the acute stage when there may be severe pains in the back, chest and limbs, and exhaustion to the point of prostration.

Follow the doctor's instructions carefully. There is no specific cure for influenza, but the discomfort can be relieved and dangerous complications prevented. Lots of rest and a gradual return to normal activity are of the utmost importance in coming safely through influenza.

This column is sponsored, in the interest of better health, by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, 900 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.

Choral Group To Elect Officers On Monday

The Greenbelt Choral Group will elect permanent officers at its regular weekly meeting Monday, January 10, at 8:15 in Room 201 of the Center School. New members are invited to attend.

CHURCH EVENING GUILD

The Community Church Evening Guild will meet Monday, January 10, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Loy Long of Bombay, India, Director of the Nagpur settlement. The public is invited.

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Washing Machine Tips Revealed By University

The way you wash your clothes is a big factor when it comes to removing soil, says Joanne Reitz, home management specialist for the University of Maryland.

She gives the results of studies conducted by the Agricultural Research Service on automatic, semi-automatic and non-automatic washes with all types of mechanisms—agitators, modified agitators, agitating baskets and cylinders.

The biggest factors affecting soil removal, says Miss Reitz, are size of load, water temperature, soak period and operating time.

Many homemakers overload their machines in the belief that they save time, water and detergent or soap. This study indicates that a small load comes out cleaner. In general, clothes come out cleaner when a 6 or 7 pound load is laundered. The higher the temperature of water used, within a range of 120-160 degrees F., the larger the amount of soil is removed.

A 15-minute agitated soaking of soapy warm water, followed by a 10-minute wash period, removes the most soil. Best results are obtained between 5 and 10 minute wash period. Tests of both cold and warm water rinses show no visible differences, but there is an indication that warm rinses results in better soil removal. Tests also show that the method used for water extraction has no effect on the amount of soil removed.

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HINTS FOR HOMEMAKERS

SAVE TIME ON MEALS! COOK THEM IN ADVANCE—
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General Electric Consumers Institute

There are a number of foods that can be cooked a day or two in advance and stored in the refrigerator until the desired meal time. Working wives—or any busy homemaker—may want to make note of these foods, for they can sometimes "save the day," when a hurry-up meal is in demand. Here are a few of the prepare-them-in-advance foods:

Main Dishes:

Beef Stew
Swiss or Spanish Steak
Braised Short Ribs
Ham, Beef, or Salmon Loaf
Fried Chicken
Chicken a la King
Chinese Chop Suey
Chili Con Carne
Sauerkraut & Meat Balls
Macaroni & Cheese
Tuna Fish & Chips
Spaghetti

Vegetables:

Braised Celery
Harvard Beans
Spanish Onions
Baked Beans

Breads:

Celery Seed Bread
Brown & Serve Rolls
Refrigerator Rolls

Salads:

Molded Soufflé or Gelatin
Frozen
Meat and Fish

Relishes:

Celery
Carrots
Green Peppers
Cauliflower
Radishes

Store cut up greens for tossed salads in a plastic bag and add dressing just before serving.

Desserts:

Ready to Serve:
Custards
Tapioca, Baked Rice, Cream, or Fruit
Puddings
Gelatin Desserts
Baked Apples
Stewed Prunes and Apricots
Ice Cream, Sherbets, Mousses

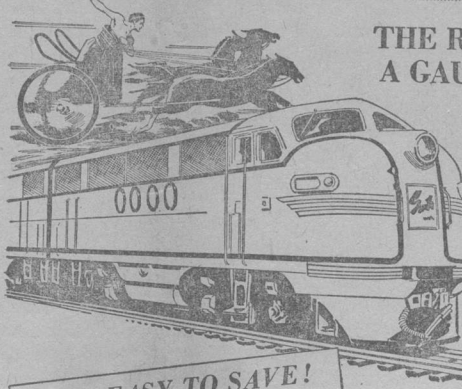
Ready to Bake:

Pie Shells, Turnovers, Tart Shells
Fillings (such as custard or pumpkin)
Refrigerator Cookies

Toppings for Dessert:

Sauces for Puddings (Custard, Chocolate, Butterscotch)

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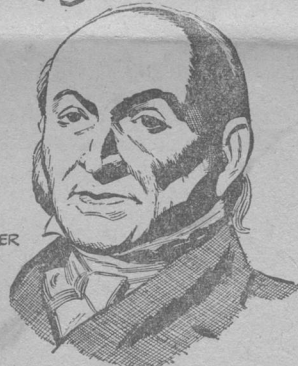
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